

Annual Report of Mossy Foot UK for year ending 12 August 2015

Administration

Mossy Foot UK achieved registration with the Charity Commission on 29 May 2009 under number 1129888. Its first full accounting year after that registration ended on August 2009 and that was its second year of operation as it was given charitable status by HMRC in October 2008 backdated to the date of its Trust Deed (13 August 2008).

This is Mossy Foot UK's seventh year of operation. The Trustees of Mossy Foot UK are Dr Lucinda Claire Fuller and Graeme David Akhurst. The offices of the Charity are at Beacon Hill House, Little Mongeham, Kent CT14 OHW. They were the trustees at inception and expect to remain as the only trustees for the foreseeable future. Only the existing Trustees as a body have power to appoint new trustees. Mossy Foot UK does not have any employees. The Trustees held 2 meetings during the course of the year.

Financial Report

Mossy Foot saw its receipts increase this year from just under £12,500 last year to just under £13,700. Mossy Foot UK has no reserves policy and is not in deficit. Its own website hosting and its monthly payment of £18 to the Just Giving organisation for its place on their website requires it to keep a small amount in hand (it has no other committed payments). This year it continued its donations to "Action on Podoconiosis" ("APA") www.actiononpodo.com which gained administrative approval at the beginning to 2012. Mossy Foot UK made grants of £15,000 to it during the year which it uses for general purposes (paying the staff who run its clinics and running training programmes in shoemaking and training on income generation). Further grants are expected to be made to APA in the near future. None of Mossy Foot UK's funds are restricted and it holds no funds as custodian trustee. No payments were made to the Trustees. The amount in the account at the end of the year was £11,747.

Objects, Activities and Public Benefit Statement

The objects of Mossy Foot UK are to relieve the condition of podoconiosis ("Mossy Foot") in sufferers in Ethiopia and to provide care and rehabilitation for such persons. It is also to promote the physical and mental health of Mossy Foot sufferers in Ethiopia through the provision of financial assistance, support, education and medical practice.

Mossy Foot has during the course of the year remitted funds to APA which runs clinics in Southern Ethiopia for mossy foot sufferers and training programmes for mossy foot sufferers whose conditions have been brought under control. A film crew visited APA sites recently and produced a film highlighting the issues of Podoconiosis and what APA do. This is in Youtube and Mossy Foot UK will be linking to this on its website.

Dr Fuller has been appointed Chair of the International Federation for Dermatology ("IFD") and is on the board of the International League of Dermatological Societies. This has enabled her to showcase podoconiosis at the World Congress of Dermatology ("WCD") as well as other scientific dermatological events. The IFD had a stand at the WCD which featured Podoconiosis and she gave a talk within the scientific session updating dermatologists on recent advances in the care of and fight against Podoconiosis

Mossy Foot UK continues to update its website (www.mossyfootuk.com) thus increasing its educational contents and thereby raising awareness of persons to the condition.

The public benefit of these actions is (a) to improve the situation of Mossy Foot/podoconiosis sufferers both financially and medically enabling reintegration into their communities with no dependence on begging and (b) to

increase awareness of Mossy Foot amongst both the Ethiopian and non-Ethiopian populations thereby helping to reduce the stigma attached to the condition.

“FootWork”- The International Podoconiosis Initiative www.podo.org which was launched in 2011 (of which Dr Fuller remains a member of the steering committee and Mossy Foot UK is a partner organisation) continues to advocate, coordinate intervention and develop research agendas globally.

The trustees therefore confirm that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charities Commission in exercising their powers.